CALLAN from THAMES

'HEIR APPARENT'

by

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ACT I

Callan and Meres go to Hunter's funeral. They are joined by the Section secretary who tells them that Sir Michael Harvey wishes to see them at the Foreign Office that afternoon. They go back to Callan's flat. He is very nervous. Hunter's death has upset him not because he particularly liked the man but because he is sensitive to the insecurities and danger of the work. Sir Michael tells them that they are to go to the East German frontier to meet and escort the new 'Hunter', John Ramsay, who has been working in Leipzig and is being brought out to lead the Section. They are then briefed by Captain Jenkins who tells them of a safe route across the border minefield which they will need to clear for Ramsay.

ACT II

On the train at the Italian frontier, Callan and Meres complain of the tedious journey. It is dawn and there is still a long way to go. Harvey meantime receives a message that Ramsay has had to make his escape to the frontier twenty-four hours early. But he is powerless to change the arrangements. Callan and Meres arrive at a frontier town. Meres is all for having a 'night on the town' but, although their rendezvous with Ramsay is not until late afternoon the following day, Callan is anxious to get to the spot as soon as possible and check every detail - including the regular patrols. They get to the minefield and having studied their briefing and the map, Callan begins to clear a path across. It soon becomes obvious that not all is well, however, as irregular patrols appear and a helicopter scans the area.

ACT III

Callan reaches the other side of the minefield and clambers into a disused bunker where he is to wait for Ramsay, only to find him already there. Meres, watching from the 'safe' side of the minefield sees two unexpected patrol vehicles arrive. A trap appears to build up for Callan and Ramsay. The vehicles leave and all seems clear again, but a forestry man arrives to make a fire inspection of the area. Meres collects a rifle with tele-

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ACT III (cont.)

scopic lens and moves into the minefield in the hope of providing his colleagues with better cover. The forester goes but not before frontier guards have re-appeared. Callan and Ramsay, believing the coast to be clear, emerge from the bunker and only just avoid walking straight into the guards. After some shooting and fast thinking by Meres, Callan and Ramsay get back to the West German side and all three return to England.

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